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Acronyms

NAS	National Academy of Sciences
OES	The Department of State's Bureau of Oceans, International Environmental and Scientific Affairs
STC	OES's Office of Science and Technology Cooperation

Executive Summary

In November 2014, NAS entered into a Cooperative Agreement with USAID-Egypt to assume the management and resume implementation of the U.S.-Egypt Science and Technology Joint Fund, on hold on the U.S. side since 2012. This report summarizes the initial start-up activities by NAS during the First Quarter of FY 2015, beginning in November.

Part 1: Major Milestones Completed

I.I. Milestones

Program Management

NAS Program Officer assumed responsibility of the program in late November, once the cooperative agreement was signed. During this quarter, NAS activities primarily covered human resource acquisition and program planning.

Part 2: Description of Key Activities

2.I. FY 15 Q1 Progress Summary

Program Planning

- Planning discussions with OES/STC, USAID, and Embassy on resumption of Joint Fund activities.
- Requested available past program files from USAID.
- First meeting with OES/STC (11/7) on program history.
- Began planning for Cairo visit with OES/STC.